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In view of the above amendments and foregoing remarks, favorable reconsideration in this application is respectfully requested.

Specification Objection

The Examiner objects to the specification since the title does not clearly describe the invention. The title has been amended to comply with the Examiner's objection.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant filed an IDS on May 24, 2004, but has not received the Examiner's initialed copy of form PTO 1449. A copy of PTO 1449 is submitted herewith. In addition, Applicants submit a supplemental IDS herewith citing U.S. Patent No. 5,987,233 to Humphrey. Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the references in both IDS submissions by returning an initialed copy of the form PTO 1449 with the next communication.

Claim Rejection – Double Patenting

The Examiner rejects claims 25-42 for obviousness-type double patenting of parent patent 6,243,760. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection be withdrawn.

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In the event there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (120360-00120). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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